

TRADESMAN AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Tradesman and Education Committee met on Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The members indicated below were present.

Anthony R. Orange, Vice Chairman
Robert M. Kirby
Michael D. Redifer

James A. Hollar and Robert O. Burch, Jr. did not attend the meeting.

The following members of DPOR staff were also present during some or the entire meeting:

Louise Fontaine Ware, Director, DPOR
Sandra Whitley Ryals, Chief Deputy, DPOR
Karen O'Neal, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Eric L. Olson, Executive Director, Contractors
Kimberly Freiberger, RBA, Contractors
Sheila Watkins, Administrative Assistant, Contractors

Acting Chairman Orange called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and declared that a quorum of board members were in attendance.

**Call
To Order**

Acting Chairman Orange asked the members of the public whether they had any comments.

**Public
Comment**

There were no public comments.

Kim Freiberger updated the Board on her contacts with the Maryland Plumbing Board and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) on trying to work out an agreement for reciprocity for Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Backflow Device Workers. Contact has been made with a representative from the Maryland Board and the Maryland Board will be reviewing our information at their next scheduled Board meeting on May 20, 2004. WSSC needs some more follow-up as there has been little success in establishing a reasonable time for all the parties to meet for further discussion on the matter. The Board responded they wanted staff to continue to pursue both Boards actively.

**Reciprocity
Update**

Orange suggested that the Virginia Board for Contractors staff consider expanding efforts to establish reciprocal agreements with other Boards in the western territory of the United States. Orange specifically inquired about the Tradesman Board in Arizona and asked staff to begin looking into contacting them to further research and discuss the possibility of reaching a reciprocal agreement.

Staff has received several calls in the past couple of months from individuals taking the PSI exam for licensure in with the LP or NP Gas Fitter trade.

**LP and NP
Gas Fitting
Examination**

The concern is over the material that is covered on the exam for these two separate fields of gas fitting. The individuals that are interested in LP gas, take the exam and fail because they can not answer the questions on the exam that cover NP gas and vice versa for the LP exam.

Discussion: Should these test questions be reviewed to remove the NP questions from the LP exam and the LP questions be removed from the NP exam?

Kirby motioned and it was seconded by Redifer that it would be appropriate for staff to meet with the examination coordinator and look into the removal of the LP-Gas Tanks questions from the Natural Gasfitter examination and replace them with 9 other suitable questions in order for the exam to remain with a total of 40 questions. This was adopted with a unanimous vote. After a review of the LP Gasfitter examination questions and the Gasfitter Portion, it was unanimously decided that these two portions as they presently stated are acceptable and should remain the same.

At this time, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene with the public comment session in order to hear a public comment from a late arrival. William Dupler of Chesterfield County spoke about some concerns that he and others, acting in the capacity of a building official, have discussed about requiring a licensed journeyman or master on all job sites and who would be responsible for enforcing such a measure.

**Reconvene
Public
Comment**

Eric Olson addressed the committee and introduced a "DRAFT" copy of the proposed Contractor Regulations. Some revised contractor language was discussed and a motion was made by Redifer to send the revised recommendations for Full Board approval at their next scheduled meeting on May 25th, 2004. This motion was unanimously accepted and approved by the Committee.

**Regulatory
Review
Discussion**

Eric Olson led a discussion leading to the review of the current Tradesman regulations. Discussion, by the Committee, began with the review of 18

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VAC 50-30-10.Definations (under Part I General), and walked through all sections recommending changes and generating discussion until stopping at 18 VAC 50.30.120.Renewal (under Part III Renewal and Reinstatement). Another Regulatory Review meeting will be scheduled for the Tradesman Committee in the month of June (date to still be determined and announced) in order to continue with the review of the Tradesman Regulations. The Committee will present their recommendations for approval by the Full Board at their scheduled meeting on July 6, 2004.

There was no old business to discuss.

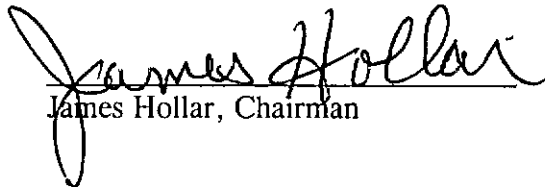
Old Business

There was no new business to discuss.

New Business

There being no further business to discuss Orange offered a motion seconded by Redifer to adjourn at 1:45 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment



James Hollar, Chairman

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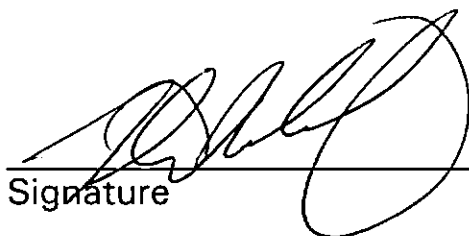
1. Name: Michael D. Redifer
2. Title: Member - Board for Contractors
3. Agency: Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation
4. Transaction: Tradesman and Education Committee Meeting
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

6. I declare that:

- (a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

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- (b) I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.



Signature

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1. Name: Robert M. Kirby
2. Title: Member - Board for Contractors
3. Agency: Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation
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PRESIDENT, DEKORAY, INC. Kirby + Kirby
ASSOC.

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AGC of VIRGINIA BUILDERS + CONTRACTORS
EXCL. PMPVA

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Robert M. Kirby
Signature

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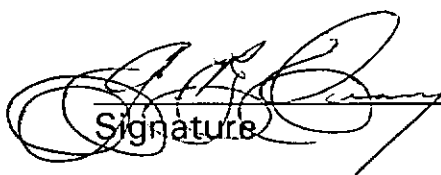
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